

Commercial.

THIS DAY.

Noon.
Business is still very quiet in the Share Market. Banks are somewhat firmer, with buyers at 205 per cent. premium for August 1st. Hongkong Fares are weaker and are offering at 345 per share. Docks have changed hands at 64 premium for the end of the month and left off with sellers at the above rate for cash. Steamboats are in good request at the increased rate of 49 premium, but no shares have changed hands at that figure. Nothing in other stocks requires special mention.

4 o'clock p.m.

With the exception of a few sales of Banks at 205 for the end of the month—the stock leaving off firm with buyers at that rate—there is no further business to report.

SHAKES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—Ex New Issue

164 per cent. premium.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—New Issue

165 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$650 per share, buyers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$2,600 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 1,600 per share, buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$115 per share.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 1050 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$225 per share, ex div. sellers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$345 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$380 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—64 per cent. premium, sellers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$49 per share, premium, ex div., buyers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—120 per share.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$80 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$175 per share, buyers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—15 per cent. dis. sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$164 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—2 per cent. premium.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$80 per share.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$161 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of \$188—1 percent. prem. ex int.

Chinese Imperial Loan of \$188—2 percent. prem.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. 3/7

Bank Bills, on demand 3/7

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/7

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/8

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/8 @ 3/8

ON PARIS—Bank Bills, on demand 4/6

Credits, at 4 months' sight 4/6

ON BOMBAY—Bank, T.T. 2/2

ON CALCUTTA—Bank, T.T. 2/2

On Demand 2/2

ON SHANGHAI—Bank, sight 7/8

Private, 30 days' sight 7/8

OPIUM MARKET—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA—per picul, \$835

(Allowance, Taels 12.)

OLD MALWA—per picul, \$875

(Allowance, Taels 16.)

NEW PATNA (without choice) per chest, \$896

NEW PATNA (first choice), per chest, \$890

NEW PATNA (second choice) per chest, \$893

NEW PATNA (bottom), per chest, \$804

OLD PATNA (without choice) per chest 6605

OLD PATNA (bottom), per chest, \$610

BENARES (without choice) per chest, \$650

BENARES (bottom), per chest, \$624

NEW PERSIAN (best quality), per picul \$555

OLD PERSIAN (best quality), per picul \$435

OLD PERSIAN (second quality), per picul 8265

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. FALCONER & Co's Register).

YESTERDAY.

Barometer—1 P.M. 30° 55' 20" S. 107° 53' 30" E.

Barometer—4 P.M. 30° 54' 50" S. 107° 51' 30" E.

Thermometer—1 P.M. 91°

Thermometer—4 P.M. 82°

Thermometer—8 P.M. (Wat bulb) 81°

To-Hav. 80°

Barometer—4 P.M. 30° 54' 50" S. 107° 51' 30" E.

Thermometer—1 P.M. 91°

Thermometer—4 P.M. (A.M.W.) 81°

Thermometer—8 P.M. (Wat bulb) 81°

Thermometer—8 P.M. (Barometer) 80°

Thermometer—Minimum (over night) 80°

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

SOUTHERN CROSS, American steamer, 26, G. A. Bailey, 18th August—New York 14th April, Coals.—D. Lapraik & Co.

LYDIA, German steamer, 1,110, Paulsen, 18th August—Hamburg 1st July, and Singapore 12th August, General—Siemssen & Co.

SATURNUS, German bark, 608, Schade, 19th August—Nieuwchang 13th July, Beans—Siemssen & Co.

COPTIC, German steamer, 4,366, W. H. Kidley, 19th August—San Francisco 21st July, and Yokohama 12th August, Mails and General—O. & O. S. S. Co.

HAINAN, British steamer, 28, W. G. Willis, 19th August—Haiphong 17th August, General—Along.

DANUBE, British steamer, 561, R. Jones, 19th August—Bangkok 13th August, Rice and General—Yuen Fat Hong.

THALES, British steamer, 820, T. G. Cockburn, 19th August—Sandakan 14th August, Firewood and General—D. Lapraik & Co.

BELLONA, German steamer, 789, W. Schaefer, 19th August—Saigon 15th August, General—Siemssen & Co.

FOKIN, British steamer, 561, H. Harris, 19th August—Tamsui 15th August, Amoy 17th, and Swatow 18th, General—D. Lapraik & Co.

GOLCONDE, French steamer, 3,041, Martino, 20th August—Shanghai 12th August, General—Adanson, Bell & Co.

HWAI-YUEN, Chinese steamer, 68, Wilson, 20th August—Shanghai 17th August, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

ERLKONIG, German bark, 456, A. Nanty, 20th August—Nieuwchang 17th July, Beans—Siemssen & Co.

H. BREMER, German 3-m. sch., 343, Whanes, 20th August—Whampoa 10th August—General—Captain.

MARIE, German bark, 465, Hyland, 20th August—Nieuwchang 17th July, Beans—Wielker & Co.

JACOBINE, German bark, 417, C. H. Christensen, 20th August—Nieuwchang 26th July, Beans—Ed. Schellhas & Co.

HANS, German bark, 313, A. Thommen, 20th August—Nieuwchang 13th July, Beans—Wielker & Co.

MAGIC, British schooner, 214, White, 20th August—Nieuwchang 25th July, Beans—Order.

NINGPO, British steamer, 761, Cass, 20th August—Shanghai 17th August, General—Siemssen & Co.

HONGKONG and CHINA BAKERY COMPANY, Limited—\$80 per share, buyers.

CHINESE IMPERIAL LOAN OF \$188—1 PERCENT. PREM. EX INT.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

ALRAY, YAMIN, 3,065, F. T. Goodhart, 17th August—Taiwan 14th August, Amoy 15th and Swatow 16th, General—D. Lapraik & Co.

CHINKIANG, British steamer, 709, S. M. Orr, 20th July—Yokohama 10th July, and Nagasaki 24th, Coals—Siemssen & Co.—Cosmopolitan Dock.

CHURRUCA, Spanish steamer, 403, G. de Horvach, 23rd July—Manila 20th July, General and Treasury (\$11,000)—Remedios & Co.—Kowloon Dock.

DE RAV, British steamer, 1,083, Joseph Lee, 11th August—Batavia 28th July, and Saigon 7th August, Rice and General—Adamson, Bell & Co.—Cosmopolitan Dock.

EMUY, Spanish steamer, 410, Remerante, 30th June—Manila 27th June, General—Remedios & Co.—Kowloon Dock.

FEARLESS, British steamer, 1,17 (Stopani)—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

GLENELG, British steamer, 894; Speechly, 16th August—San Francisco 21st July, and General and Treasury (\$11,000)—Remedios & Co.—Kowloon Dock.

GOVARDY, French steamer, 284, du Temple, 18th August—Yokohama 12th August, Mails and General—Mr. Petersen & Co.

KWANTUNG, British steamer, 600, J. C. Abbott, 17th August—Foochow 14th August—Amoy 15th and Swatow 16th, General—D. Lapraik & Co.

MAGENTA, British schooner, 327 (Coalfield)—Pasedang & Co.

RACHEL, British bark, 282 (Aflack)—Boyd & Co.—Roderick Hay, British bark, 290 (Nicholson)—H. A. Petersen & Co.

PING-ON, British steamer, 575, A. A. McCaslin, 16th August—Haiphong 11th August, Pak-ti 13th and Ho-how 15th, General—Russel & Co.

SIN TARN, German str., 47, H. Vicente, 30th July—Taiwan 24th July, Ballast—Captain.

SULZ, British steamer, 1,390, Geo. Ainslie, 20th July—Honolulu 28th June, Flour and General—Mr. Petersen & Co.—Kowloon Dock.

CHINTA, Chinese bark, 472 (Taylor)—C. M. S. N. Co.

TAICHOW, British steamer, 862, Jordan, 14th August—Bangkok 8th August, General—Yuen Fat Hong.

TAIRNA, British bark, 915 (Flinton)—Melchert & Co.

DIAMOND, British bark, 391 (Inokay)—Morris & Co.

FOOCHEW, Siamese brig, 300 (Petersen)—Master Kolga, German bark, 540 (Lome Bang)—Russell & Co.

LEANDER, British ship, 148 (Hamilton)—J. W. Muller.

MINNA, British bark, 456 (Lass)—Nils Moller.

M. A. DIXON, British bark, 415 (Cook)—Morris & Co.

OBED BAXTER, American bark, 877 (Baxter)—Turnbull, Howie & Co.

PAUL JONES, American ship, 1,205 (Gerish)—C. & J. Trading Co.

QUEEN OF INDIA, British bark, 389 (Inokay)—W. Hewett & Co.

ZAMBEST, British steamer, 1,540, L. H. Moule, 13th August—Yokohama 4th August, Mails and General—Melchers & Co.

WELLE, German steamer, 393, E. Piper, 15th August—Ho-how 14th August, General—Wielker & Co.

ZAMBISS, British steamer, 1,540, L. H. Moule, 13th August—Ho-how 14th August, General—Wielker & Co.

ANTON GUNTHER, German bark, 441, F. Steinbruege, 6th August—Toulon 31st July, Beans—Melchers & Co.

CHOCORUA, American ship, 1,163, Locke, 30th June—Ho-ho 3rd May, Ballast—Master Carroll & Co.

FORMOSA, British schooner, 381, W. T. Quayle, 8th August—Nieuwchang 10th July, Beans—Melchers & Co.

VALPARAISO, German bark, 490 (Meyer)—H. Macarthur.

SOLHOR, British bark, 241 (Schroder)—Nils Moller.

RIVER STEAMERS.

HANKOW, British steamer, 2,235, Ogston—Butterfield & Co.

HO-nam, British steamer, 1,377, T. Benning—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.

KIANG-ping, Chinese steamer, 360, Holmes—C. M. S. N. Co.

KIU-kiang, British steamer, 617, G. B. Lefavor—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.

KLUNG-chow, British steamer, 499, Goggin—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.

POWAN, British steamer, 1,890—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.

SPARK, British steamer, 140—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.

WHITE CLOUD, British steamer, 527, A. Benning—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.

YOKOHAMA, British steamer, 1,17 (Stopani

NOTIFICATIONS.

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THE SHANGHAI PHARMACY,
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THE DISPENSARY, FOOCHOW.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 1883.

As will be seen from the interesting letter from our Haiphong correspondent, published elsewhere, the French have at last shown their hand in regard to their future policy in Tonquin. As we predicted would be the case several weeks ago, the first decisive action taken by the French squadron has been an advance in force on the capital of Annam. The whole of the vessels under Admiral Courreix's command, with the exception of the *Drac*, left their anchorage in Halong Bay on the morning of the 14th inst., bound for Touron for the ostensible object of making "a demonstration" along the Annamese coast. As M. Harnaud, the civil administrator of affairs in Tonquin, accompanied the fleet, it may fairly enough be assumed that an attempt will be made to enter into negotiations with the Emperor of Annam before a resort is made to hostile measures; in fact, so much was admitted by that officer himself. However, as the *Drac* left Haiphong on the 15th to rejoin the squadron at Touron, having on board a number of landing stages, and as the transport *Annamite* was bringing on a large force of French troops from Saigon, there can be little doubt that, unless the Annamese authorities readily acceded to the French demands, the arrangements were to bombard Tuanan and under cover of the guns of the fleet make a land attack on Hue. In all probability the French are already in possession of Hue so that, so far as France and the Emperor of Annam are concerned, the questions at stake may be considered as practically settled.

The real difficulty, however, has really nothing whatever to do with the Annamese authorities at the capital, and the seizure of Hue and the blockade of the coast ports will not in any respect alter the *status quo* in Tonquin. The Tonquinese commanders at the powerful fortresses of Bachinh and Sontai, and the chieftains of the Black Flag care as little for Tu Duc as they do for the French, and as their forces are really the only fighting men in the country, and are well armed with modern weapons, besides being strongly entrenched and having the advantages of knowing the country and being inured to the trying climate, the French Protectorate—for, if M. Harnaud's statement to our correspondent may be relied on, that is the object of the war—can only be established in blood and after very severe fighting. It would appear that the strength of the French forces in Tonquin is totally inadequate for the difficult task before them. General Bouët has 2,800 men at Hanol, Colonel Badine 850 (of whom more than 500 are Annamese) at Namdinh, and there are, at the outside, some 300 troops of all ranks in Hal-duong and Haiphong. The strength of the Tonquinese garrisons at Sontai and Bachinh are not accurately known, but, that they are exceedingly numerous is quite certain, and if, as has been reported, the Tonquinese have been strongly reinforced by Chinese from Yunnan and Kwang-si, General Bouët will have some severe work cut out for him, even presuming he is able to cut to pieces the large Annamese and Black Flag contingents estimated to number between fifteen and twenty thousand well armed men—at present strongly entrenched about 15 miles from Hanol.

According to the *Rising Sun*, the Mitsu Bishi Co.'s s.s. *Tokai Maru* arrived at Nagasaki from the wreck of the *Sumida Maru* on Tuesday afternoon, the 9th inst., bringing in tow the barge *Kosaki Maru* and the coal lighters she took away from here three weeks ago. It is generally known that all hopes of raising the unfortunate *Sumida Maru* have now been finally abandoned, and that nothing remains but to dispose of her as she lies or to wreck her.

like nation, *an contraire*, and, excepting in the northern districts where they have received rifles from Yunnan through their Chinese allies, their arms mainly consist of such primitive weapons as wooden spears, a few old muskets, and some useless bronze field pieces. When these wretched, undrilled and undisciplined men, badly armed and badly led meet the splendidly equipped troops of France in the field, battle degenerates into carnage—a ruthless massacre of men who are practically defenceless. The sorties from Namdinh, of which we have heard so much, were, according to an eye-witness, a wholesale slaughter of demoralised wretches who were huddled together like sheep and who could neither run away nor make the least show of effective resistance. In the north the French will find in the Black Flags foes worthy of their steel, but even with all the advantages we have enumerated, no Asiatics, however brave and determined, can hope to cope successfully in the open field with the gallant soldiers of the most military nation in Europe. And of this fact the old Taiping rebels are probably well aware, and consequently will avoid any great engagement, relying on a harassing guerrilla warfare, which they are in an admirable position to maintain. Although rumours were lately current that General Bouët shortly intended making an advance on the offensive from Hanol, we are disposed to believe that nothing of consequence will be done until the cool weather sets in. So many of the French troops have succumbed to sunstroke and other climatic diseases that prudence will probably dictate to such an experienced campaigner as General Bouët, a very different course of action to that lately attributed to him.

The telegraph may bring us any day from Saigon the news that the tricolour waves triumphantly over the capital of Annam, and that concessions have been agreed to establishing French rule from the Gulf of Siam to the borders of the Chinese Empire. And in the interests of civilization, and of commercial enterprise such a consummation is devoutly to be wished for. If the French will only adopt the liberal policy which has always been followed by Great Britain in relation to the internal administration of her colonies—French protectorate over Tonquin—and Annam too for that matter—can only bring unmixed good. And Hongkong from her situation and the spirited enterprise of her merchants must reap the most substantial advantages from the opening out to trade of what is probably the wealthiest country in the Far East. But what will China say or do with regard to all these arrangements? France is quite willing to permit China to say as much as she pleases; but will not permit the suretai to raise a hand in defence of her ancient vassal. Will China quietly submit to this somewhat ignoble rôle? France feels assured she will—but time will show.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, August 17th.
ADDITIONS TO THE CHINESE NAVY.
The Chinese Government has ordered two corvettes from Kiel.

THE CHOLERA IN EGYPT.
Cholera is increasing in Alexandria.

(FROM THE SAIGON INDEPENDENT.)
PARIS, 10th August:
Vice-Admiral Peyron has been appointed Minister of Marine and Colonies in succession to M. Brun, whose resignation has been accepted.

The Emperor of Germany and Austria have had an interview at Ichil.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Foxhound* left Chefoo for Tientsin on the 9th instant.

JURORS summoned to attend the Criminal Sessions are required to be in attendance to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

It is reported that the much talked-of steam dredger *Anding*, constructed specially to remove the "heaven-act" barrier at Woosung, has at length been taken over by the Chinese authorities.

The *Mercury* says that H. E. Yin Sian Yuwen, late Governor of Shunlung, will leave Soochow in a steam-launch on the 15th day of the 7th moon. He will go up to Peking overland for an audience of the Emperor.

We are informed by the agents, Messrs. Russell & Co., of Messrs. George R. Stevens & Co's line, that the steamer *Eusine*, from Foochow via Brishane, arrived at Sydney on the 15th instant. The same Company's steamship *Naples* left Sydney for Hongkong, via usual ports of call, on the 16th.

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We learn from a correspondent in the north that the Chinese gunboats forming the Pei Yang squadron returned to Chefoo on the 10th inst.

We (*Shanghai Mercury*) understand that the Viceroy Chang said when here that the difficulty between China and France was still unsettled. The War party at Peking were still of a bellicose disposition.

The editor of a Jackson, Miss., paper, weighs 304 pounds. It is safe to say that he is always in when an ate individual wants to see "the man who wrote that article." His subscribers also invariably pay in advance.

ACCORDING to the Shanghai *Courier*, the steamship *Selma* has successfully completed the Nagasaki-Gutzlaff section of the duplication of the Great Northern Telegraph Company's cable. There now only remains the heavy river cables to be laid to Woosung, when the entire duplication from Vladivostock to Shanghai will be accomplished.

THE sporting public of Yokohama, says the *Japan Mail*, as well as that of Tokyo, will regret to hear of the death of the well-known and courageous Japanese race pony Kamakura. It succumbed on the 3rd instant after a brief attack of colic. His winnings during his short career on the turf are stated by the *Mainichi Shimbun* at yen 20,000.

THE following proclamation appears in Saturday's *Gazette*:—Whereas cholera has been reported to exist in the neighbourhood of Hongkong, and whereas it is necessary to take precautions against an outbreak of an epidemic, now therefore, I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Governor &c. &c., do hereby call all people within this Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies to observe the following regulations with as little delay as possible:—(1)—All persons must thoroughly clean their houses, kitchens, back-yards, latrines, drains, down-pipes, &c. (2)—All owners of property must lime-wash the interiors of all houses belonging to them. (3)—All rubbish and every kind of offensive matter must be regularly removed every 24 hours.

THE American papers brought on by the *Copie* from San Francisco give some interesting particulars of the shooting at Wimbledon. The international contest between the United States and Great Britain appears to have been an unusually close and exciting affair, as at the end of the 600 yards range there was only a difference of 8 points, the Americans having scored 1078 to the 1070 of their rivals. As the superiority of the British marksmen was predicted to display itself at the long range is likely enough they made up their leeway and won the match; however, the finish certainly looks as if it must have proved a desperately near thing. The honors of the meeting have again fallen to Scotland, and the *Scotsman* stated that the *Admiralty* had laid proposals before the French Ambassador, to the effect that China will undertake the satisfactory settlement of the Annamese difficulties, provided France will agree to at once withdraw her troops from Tonquin. It is scarcely necessary to say that France quietly rejected China's exceedingly verdant proposals.

THE fire bell rang out this morning shortly before four o'clock, and although we were tired and jaded from the effects of our recent trip we put on our "fire suit" and made tracks for the abode of the firebrand. On arriving at No. 14, Gilman's Bazaar, we found that the fire was the result of some pig roasting, the porkers being, we believe, specially intended for the reception of the Viceroy of Kwangtung. There was very little damage done, so, after seeing everything safe we returned to our "four poster." We noticed Mr. Carvalho, the Assistant Superintendent of the fire brigade, on the spot, seeing to things generally, and on making enquiries for the energetic chief of the brigade, we learned that he is at present residing in the vicinity of the Gap, and has given instructions that he is not to be called down from his cool retreat in the event of a blaze unless the fire assumes serious proportions. We think this a wise move on the part of the "boss" firefighter, as he is neither useful nor ornamental at a fire, and would generally facilitate the putting out of a conflagration in the city by remaining in his mountain home and surveying the getting under of the fire demon from a safe distance.

SAYS the *North Borneo Herald*:—As Kudat advances, natives from a distance are being attracted by the facilities for trade which are offered and the increase in the number of small trading boats is apparent. On one day during the month more than twenty of these boats arrived from all parts, and there being as many more in the harbour, the bazaar presented a lively appearance. Some remarkably fine gum-damar and camphor is now brought in. The former, damas matsa, louching, is bartered at the rate of six dollars a picul, it being worth more than double that price in Singapore. Some fine camphor was priced by an exporter at \$50 per catty. A large trade in damar is likely to spring up, the trees from which it exudes being very numerous in the district and unlike the gutta trees, the process of collecting the damar does not exhaust the trees. The increase in trade is further proved by numbers of ships which are in course of erection by the Chinese. One trader alone is building twelve ships for which tenants are already found at a somewhat highrent. Applications have been made for more accommodation for storage of rattans and other produce, and Government godowns for this purpose are to be erected between the jetty and the wharf. More carpenters and workmen of all kinds are needed here, and it is expected that a batch may arrive by the next steamer from Hongkong.

ON the night of Friday last two more of the unfortunate victims of the explosion of cartridges on board the Spanish frigate *Aragon*, succumbed from the effects of their burns and injuries received. These two unfortunate men had been sent to the Civil Hospital as it was thought they could be made more comfortable than there on board their own vessel. They were there attended by the Doctor of the *Aragon* and had a guard of 6 nurses from the vessel. The funeral cortége consisting of two hearses bearing the bodies, followed by nearly all the officers and a number of sailors and marines from the *Aragon* and the *Marques del Duero* marched from the hospital to the Roman Catholic cemetery, Happy Valley, arriving there at a little after 7 o'clock on Saturday evening, the burial service being performed by the chaplain of the vessel and one of the Italian fathers of the R.C. Church here. It is to be greatly regretted that one of the unfortunate deceased left a wife and four children to mourn their loss, and a subscription has been opened on board to relieve their distress. The other four men who were injured by the explosion were all progressing favorably on board on Saturday evening, though we learn this morning that two more have died and are to be buried to-night. This makes a total of five victims to the catastrophe. Mr. Wodehouse, the coroner, ordered an inquest for 4 p.m. to-day. The *Aragon* is expected to take her departure for Manila in a few days, and a court of naval enquiry will be held in that port, respecting the unfortunate accident which has resulted so fatally.

THE visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended 16th August, were:—European 167, Chinese 2,691; total 2,858.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the above company was held this afternoon at the company's offices, No. 74, Praya Central, at three o'clock, when there were present:—The Hon. F. B. Johnson, (chairman) Messrs. W. H. Forbes, C. D. Bottomley, W. Reiner, A. Gultau, F. E. Foster, (directors) A. F. Pereira, V. C. da Rocha, Thomas Howard, H. Kublmann, E. C. Ray, W. H. Ray, H. Wickham, L. Hauschild, J. McCallum, G. R. Lammer, A. G. Morris, E. George, E. J. Hughes, A. E. Vaucher, D. McCulloch, W. M. Morgan, M. Grotz, A. S. Cohen, and D. Gillies, (secretary).

WE read in the *Japan Daily Mail* that the Japanese steamer *Ise Maru*, a new vessel of 738 tons register, purchased in England by the Tokio Oyu Kwaisha, left Cardis on the 22nd of June with a cargo of coal for Yokohama. WE regret to hear that the traffic on the Wa Hop Company's telegraph line between Hongkong and Canton has been temporarily interrupted. Steps have already been taken to remedy the defect, and the line will no doubt be shortly in working order.

THE Japanese Minister at Stoul reports that the Korean Government has already founded an arsenal: that a big steam-engine to be used therein has been ordered from Shanghai; and that skilled [Chinese artisans] are to be employed to superintend the work in twelve different departments.

THE steamer *Honam* made an excursion trip to Macao yesterday which was very extensively patronised, about one hundred and fifty people taking advantage of the opportunity to sniff the sea breeze and interview His Majesty of Macao. The trip was a very pleasant one, and it is to be hoped the Steamboat Company will see fit to continue these excursions, say twice a month, all the year round. The winter months would even be better, for enjoying the run across in the summer, but we are certain it would be advisable to alter the hour of leaving Macao so that excursionists might arrive back in Hongkong in time for dinner.

THE Nouvelle Compagnie Marseillaise steamer *Golconde*, which arrived in harbour from Shanghai this morning, made one of the smartest passages at this season of the year recorded for a considerable time past. She left Shanghai at 11 a.m. on the 17th, and anchored here at half past five this morning, thus making the run in 664 hours—an average of nearly 13 knots—which is really fast work against a strong monsoon. These splendid vessels are bidding fair to uphold the reputations they have generally obtained as being about the finest line of steamers trading to the Far East—the mail boats of the P. & O. Co. and Messageries Maritimes not excluded.

H. E. CHANG, the new-Viceroy of the Two Kwangs, was good enough to inform us this morning that he has been invested with full powers to treat with the Annamese Embassadors, who are now awaiting his arrival in Canton, on the subject of the present troubles in Annam and China's responsibilities in the matters at issue. The Viceroy further stated that the Chinese Government had laid proposals before the French Ambassador, to the effect that China will undertake the satisfactory settlement of the Annamese difficulties, provided France will agree to at once withdraw her troops from Tonquin.

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

THE SUPREME COURT
21 AUGUST
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No. 487.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

For Sale.

JUST TO HAND.

CHUBB'S PAPER AND CASH BOXES.
SAFES, LOCKS & DESPATCH BOXES.
NEW COFFEE MACHINES.

FOOD WARMERS.

TODDY KETTLES.

NEW TOBACCO.

GOLDEN CLOUD.

BIRDSEYE.

SMOKING MIXTURE.

CARBOLIC DISINFECTING POWDER

IN SMALL DREDGERS.

INDIA RUBBER SEA BOOTS.

NEW BOOKS.

THE LATEST MUSIC

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 18th August, 1883. [140]

INSURANCES.

THE MANCHESTER UNDERWRITERS)
ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS of the above Company are
prepared to Grant Policies on MARINE RISKS
to all parts of the World at CURRENT RATES,
allowing an immediate cash discount of 25 per
cent.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1883. [160]

THE Undersigned have been appointed
AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD
of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [140]

RECORD of AMERICAN and FOREIGN
SHIPPING.

Agents,

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [140]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$833,333-33
RESERVE UND.....\$70,582-27

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LEE YAT LAU, Esq.
LO YEK MOON, Esq. CHU CHIK NUNG, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at
CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [160]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,

Secretary,

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD, WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [160]

YANG TSZE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 310,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 316,935.50

TOTAL CAPITAL and
ACCUMULATIONS, 31st.....Tls. 968,335.50
March, 1883. [160]

DIRECTOR.

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68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

Policies granted on MARINE RISKS to all
parts of the world.

Subject to a charge of 12 percent for Interest
on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits of the
UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually dis-
tributed among all Contributors of Business whether
Shareholders or not in proportion to the
sum paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1883. [160]

INTIMATION.

IGNOR ANTONIO CATTANEO, of the
CONSERVATOIRE DE BERGAMO, and late
of the ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY has
the honor to inform the community that he has
arranged to remain in Hongkong, and will give
lessons in Music, Singing and the Piano-forte.

CHARGES STRICTLY MODERATE
Address—Messrs. KELLY & WALSH,
Queens Road.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [160]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE PROPERTY IN VICTORIA
TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,

TO-MORROW,
the 21st day of August, 1883, at THREE P.M.,
on the Premises,

By ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

THREE VALUABLE HOUSES Nos. 27, 29,
and 31, Aberdeen Street, erected and being
upon GROUND registered in the Land
Office as Section C of INLAND LOT
No. 60, measuring on the North and South
40 feet, East and West 45 feet and 40 feet,
containing in the whole 1,695 square feet
more or less. Yearly Crown Rent \$14.76.

And,

SIXTEEN VALUABLE HOUSES Nos. 1 to
16, in Kee Lee Lane, Victoria, erected on
GROUND registered in the Land Office as
Section A of Inland Lot No. 60, measuring
on the North-East 44 feet and 528 feet,
South-West 42 feet; South-East 130 feet to
inches, North-West 98 feet 3 inches, con-
taining in the whole 7,626 square feet more
or less. Yearly Crown Rent \$66.39. Held
for 999 years from the 26th day of January,
1843.

The above Houses will be Sold in Lots to suit
purchasers.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of
Sale, apply to

SHARP, TOLLER, & JOHNSON,
Solicitors for the Mortgagor,
or to
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 16th August, 1883. [161]

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF
VALUABLE PROPERTY
IN
QUEEN'S ROAD.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
FRIDAY,

the 24th day of August, 1883, on the Premises,
at THREE P.M.

All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND registered
in the Land Office as Section B of Sub-
section one of Section D of MARINE LOT
No. 60, measuring on the North 16 feet,
South 15 feet and 4 inches, on the East
40 feet and 8 inches, on West 41 feet and
8 inches.

The Parcel of GROUND on the North measuring
12 feet 3 inches, South 15 feet 5 inches,
East 41 feet 8 inches, West 42 feet 5 inches,
Registered in the Land Office as the Re-
mainning Portion of Subsection one of
Section D of MARINE LOT No. 60. The
above Pieces of Ground are held for 999
years from 2nd March, 1846, on the above
Pieces of Ground are erected the 2 good
Houses known as Nos. 99 and 101, Queen's
Road West.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale,
apply to SHARP, TOLLER, & JOHNSON,
Solicitors,
or to
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1883. [165]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
from Messrs. BUN HIN CHAN, to Sell by
Public Auction, on

MONDAY,
the 27th August, 1883, at NOON, at his Sales
Rooms, Queen's Road.

THE WRECK OF THE LATE
STEAMSHIP "CARISBROOKE",
as the now lies off, the Cosmopolitan Dock.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash on the fall of the
hammer and the Vessel to be at the Purchaser's
risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 2nd August, 1883. [163]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. J. M. GUEDES has received instruc-
tions from the MORTGAGEE to Sell by
Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,
the 30th August, 1883, at 2.30 O'CLOCK P.M.,
on the Premises.

A VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY
Situate in Queen's Road, Victoria, in
the Colony of Hongkong,
Comprising—

All that Piece of Parcel of GROUND situate
at Victoria, aforesaid, being Portion of IN-
LAND LOT No. 60, abutting on the North
side thereof on the Queen's Road and mea-
suring thereon 27 feet 10 inches or thereabout,
on the South side thereof on Section C
of the said Lot No. 60, and measuring
thereon 27 feet 10 inches or thereabout,
on the East side thereof on a lane or roadway
and measuring thereon 29 feet 6 inches or
thereabout, and on the West side thereof
on Section B of the said Lot No. 60, and
measuring thereon 29 feet 6 inches or there-
about which said Piece or Parcel of Ground
is registered in the Land Office as SECTION
A of INLAND LOT No. 60, with the Mea-
surements thereof as the same Premises are
held for the residue of a term of 976 years
at the Annual Rental of \$20.

The Property is Sold subject to the existing
tenancies and lettings thereof.

For further Particulars and Conditions of
Sale, apply to

BREXTON, WOTTON & DEACON,
Solicitors, Hongkong,
or to
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer. Hongkong.

Hongkong, 16th August, 1883. [162]

A CARD.

PRIVATE BOARD AND LODGING
can be obtained for
SINGLE GENTLEMAN, OR MARRIED COUPLES

AT
NO. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.
Next Door to the Temperance Hall.

Terms Moderate.

Hongkong, 10th July, 1883. [152]

Intimations.

W. BREWER.

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HAS JUST RECEIVED.

NEW PORCELAIN MENU and NAME STANDS.
MOWHAWK MINSTREL SONG BOOKS.
NEW ENGINEERING and NAUTICAL WORKS.
SENNETT'S THE MARINE STEAM ENGINE.
DONALDSON'S ROUGH SKETCHING.
ENGINEERS' PRIVATE LOG BOOKS.
MACGREGOR'S ENGINEERS' ALMANACK.
SMITH'S TABLES and MEMORANDA.
SPON'S REEDS' ENGINEERS' GUIDE; NEW ED.
BERGEN'S WILSON ON STEAM BOILERS.
SEXTON'S BOILER MAKERS' POCKET BOOK.
MOLESWORTH'S ENGINEERS' POCKET BOOK.
BURGH'S HASWELL'S
BALE'S SAW MILLS; THEIR MANAGEMENT, &c.
LECKIE'S WRINKLES IN PRACTICAL NAVIGATION.
REED'S GUIDE TO THE MARINE BOARD.
AZUMUTH'S TABLES, WEATHER FORECASTS, SAILOR'S POCKET BOOK.
NEW CHARTS of Tongking, Hainan Straits, and Sulu Archipelago.
VARIATION CHART of the WORLD.
NEW WALTZES.
MY QUEEN, BROSE DE NUITS, MESSENGER OF LOVE, &c.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1883. [703]

SAYLE & CO.

FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.

WE have just received from our SHANGHAI CABINET FACTORY a SAMPLE SUITE of BEDROOM FURNITURE which is now on view.
Any Article of FURNITURE made to order in MAHOGANY, BIRCH, ASH or WALNUT, at less than Home Prices.
DESIGN BOOKS and Estimates on application.
We are also Shewing the VIENNA BENTWOOD FURNITURE, very strong and durable.

WALNUT and EBONIZED BRACKETS in great variety.
VENETIAN and OVAL MIRRORS.
A large stock of BRASS and IRON BEDSTEADS in every size always on hand.
IRON SWING BASSINETTES and COTS for Children in every size.
The Excelsior Patent Chain SPRING MATTRESS in every size (the Best Spring Mattress extant).
New Designs in LACE CURTAINS 3½, 4, 4½, 5 yards long.
Single and Double PERAMBULATORS Specially adapted for this Colony.

SAYLE & CO.,
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1883. [128]

"NOVELTY STORE," MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

(16)

JUST RECEIVED.

A SMALL CONSIGNMENT OF MALTESE LACE AND SILVER FILIGREE WORK,
COMPRISING—
White and Black Silk Trimming Lace.
Cotton Trimming Lace.
Silk Handkerchief Border.
Silk Circular and Square D'oyleys.
and Black Silk Ficelle.
Silk Parasol Cover.
Cotton Parasol Cover.
Silk Veil and Scarf.
Silk Collar Breast Pendant.
Silk Collar Breast Pointed.
Cotton Collar Breast Pointed.
and Black Silk Necktie.
Silk Mittens.
Silver Filigree Pendant, St. John's Cross & Crown.
Earrings to match the above.
Fancy Pendant.
Plain Chain Necklet.
Fancy Locket.
Fancy Bracelet.
Brooch (Love Knot).
(Marguerite).
(Slipper).
(Shell).
(Circular).
(Fan).
(Lily).
Earrings to match the above.